

## COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

**June 5, 2001**

**6:00 PM**

Chairman Clancy called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Clancy, Sysyn, Vaillancourt, Pariseau, Hirschmann

Messrs: T. Lolicata, J. Hoben, Lt. Tracy

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 3 of agenda:

Communication from Deputy City Clerk submitting a listing of regulations needing adoption by the Committee.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to adopt the regulations as submitted.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

Communication from Deputy City Clerk submitting a report of previous actions and suggesting adoption of clarified recommendations relating to parking rate increases and time establishments.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated we submitted this report and the italicized portions were things that we believed the Committee had an interest in adopting. It had been part of the intents but it was not included originally in the actions taken by the Committee. In addition, the Civic Center Committee tonight acted on a couple of changes that should be added to this report and I will just read through them and if the Committee so desires they could add those in at this time as well. One is event parking, Monday through Friday, early bird special 4 PM – 6 PM \$3 upon exit. Also, Monday through Friday after 6 PM \$5 upon exit. Non-event parking, excluding public holidays, 50 cents per hour Monday through Saturday 6 AM – 1 AM. That again is in the garages. Also to approve a concept of a merchant validation program to be presented to the Traffic Committee at a future date prior to the civic center being opened. We would look for a motion to recommend that the report be amended by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen this evening with all of those changes.

On motion of Alderman Vaillancourt, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to approve the changes as presented by the Clerk.

Chairman Clancy stated you said something about merchant validation. When would they do that?

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated the merchants have requested a validation program be established and it was suggested that staff work with the downtown merchants and come back with a plan for implementation to this Committee.

Chairman Clancy asked would that be at a reduced rate.

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered what they are anticipating is some kind of a program where the patrons of say the restaurants...the restaurants can purchase tickets.

Alderman Sysyn stated we already have a validation program.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied there is a validation program in effect that most of the merchants are unaware of. They are looking for something for the civic center evenings as well. They are looking to figure out how to best administer that and they are looking to work with the people at the garages as well and come back to the Committee. The idea was to accept the concept of it and then come back with the particulars later.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 5 of the agenda:

Communication from Carol-Ann Bernier on behalf of The Downtown Farmers' Market seeking authorization for the closure of streets, a no parking ban, reinstallation of banners on lighting fixtures in and around the Hartnett Lot and erection of the barn in the southwest corner of the Hartnett Lot as outlined herein.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to approve this request.

Chairman Clancy advised that the Traffic Department has submitted an agenda, which needs to be addressed as follows:

**RIVER ROAD AND WEST WEBSTER ST.**

Install a southbound green left arrow advance turn to traffic signals  
Alderman Levasseur

**CROSSWALK:**

On Second St. north of Poor St. (emergency act)

On Boynton St. north of Balch Ave. (emergency act)

On Boynton St. north of McDuffie St. (emergency act)

Alderman Cashin

On River Rd. east of Southern NH University driveway

On Southern NH University driveway, north of River Rd.

Alderman Wihby

**RESCIND 2 HOUR PARKING METERS:**

On Elm St. west side, from a point 80 feet south of Pleasant St. to a point 85 feet southerly

Alderman Levasseur

**NO PARKING BUS STOP 6AM-6PM MONDAY-SATURDAY:**

On Elm St. west side, from a point 80 feet south of Pleasant St. to a point 85 feet southerly

Alderman Levasseur

**STOP SIGNS:**

Ashland St. and East High St. SWC, NEC (4-way stop-school zone)

Alderman Sysyn

Hall St. and Lowell St., SWC, NEC (4-way stop-school zone)

Alderman Sysyn

On Cypress St. at Young St., SEC

Alderman Shea

On Highcrest Rd. at Kearney Circle, NWC

Alderman Wihby

Southern NH University Driveways and River Rd. NWC, SEC

Alderman Wihby

**PARKING 15 MINUTES 7AM-9PM:**

On Putnam St. south side, from Bartlett St. to a point 65 feet easterly  
Alderman Thibault

**RESCIND PARKING 1 HOUR – 8AM-6PM**

On Elm St. east side, from Grove St. to a point 30 feet south  
Alderman Levasseur

**NO PARKING LOADING ZONE:**

On Elm St. east side, from Grove St. to a point 30 feet southerly  
Alderman Levasseur

**RESCIND NO PARKING ANYTIME:**

On S. Commercial St. both sides, from Granite St. to S. Bedford St.  
Alderman Levasseur

On S. Bedford St. both sides, from S. Commercial St. easterly and then  
northerly to Depot St.  
Alderman Levasseur

On Pond Dr. both sides, from Goffe Falls Rd. to the dead end of Pond Dr.  
Alderman Vaillancourt

On Russell St. east side, from Bridge St. to Arlington St.  
Alderman Sysyn

On Huse Rd. east side, from Mooresville Rd. to a point 700 feet northerly  
Alderman Vaillancourt

On Orange St. north side, from Elm St. to a point 190 feet easterly  
Alderman Levasseur

On Wilson St. east side, from Cedar St. to a point 75 feet south  
Alderman Clancy

On Tessier St. north side, from Brown Ave. to Gay St.  
Alderman Vaillancourt

On Tessier St. south side, from a point 55 feet east of Gay St. to Gay St.  
Alderman Vaillancourt

**ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES:**

On Wilson St. east side, from a point 30 feet south of Cedar St. to a point 45 feet south

Alderman Clancy

On Ashland St. west side, from a point 25 feet north of Concord St. to a point 25 feet north

Alderman Sysyn

**PARKING FOR MOTORCYCLES ONLY –**

**MAY 15 TO OCTOBER 1:**

On Mammoth Rd. east side, from a point 1900 feet south of Bridge St. to a point 160 feet south

Alderman Clancy

**RESCIND NO PARKING LOADING ZONE:**

On Orange St. south side, from a point 60 feet east of Elm St. to a point 20 feet easterly

Alderman Levasseur

**10 HOUR PARKING METERS – 8AM-10PM MONDAY-**

**SATURDAY:**

On Orange St. north side, from a point 140 feet east of Elm St. to a point 50 feet easterly (2 spaces)

Alderman Levasseur

On Orange St. south side, from a point 60 feet east of Elm St. to a point 20 feet easterly (1 space)

Alderman Levasseur

On S. Commercial St. end section, east side, from S. Bedford St. to a point 110 feet south (14 spaces)

Alderman Levasseur

On S. Commercial St (northbound) from S. Bedford St. to a point 630 feet north (21 spaces)

Alderman Levasseur

On S. Commercial St (southbound) west side from a point 170 feet south of Granite St. to S. Bedford Street (32 spaces)  
Alderman Levasseur

**NO PARKING ANYTIME:**

On Orange St. north side, from Elm St. to a point 140 feet easterly  
Alderman Levasseur

On Pond Dr. west side, from a point 300 feet south of Goffe Falls Rd. to a point 115 feet southerly  
Alderman Vaillancourt

On Cumberland St. west side, from a point 50 feet south of Monitor St. to a point 50 feet southerly  
Alderman Thibault

On Russell St. east side, from Bridge St. to a point 100 feet northerly  
Alderman Sysyn

On East High St. north side, from Malvern St. to a point 110 feet easterly  
Alderman Sysyn

On Whig St. west side, from a point 175 feet south of Oak St. to a point 50 feet southerly  
Alderman Wihby

On Clay St. north side, from a point 50 feet west of Hall St. to a point 50 feet westerly  
Alderman Shea

On Huse Rd. east side, from Weston Rd. to Maynard Ave.  
Alderman Vaillancourt

On Tessier St. north side, from Brown Ave. to a point 50 feet west  
Alderman Vaillancourt

On Tessier St. north side, from a point 220 feet west of Brown Ave. to Gay St.  
Alderman Vaillancourt

On Commercial St. (northbound) west side, from S. Bedford St. to Granite St.

Alderman Levasseur

**RESCIND PARKING 2 HOURS 8AM-8PM MON-SAT**

On S. Commercial St. (northbound) east side, from S. Bedford St. to a point 220 feet north

Alderman Levasseur

**PARKING TWO HOURS (8AM-6PM)**

On Belmont Street, east side, from East High Street to a point 75 feet south of Bridge Street

Alderman Sysyn

On Belmont Street, west side, from Bridge Street to a point 80 feet southerly

Alderman Sysyn

**ANGLED PARKING:**

On Tessier St. south side, from Brown Ave. to Gay St. (31 spaces)

Alderman Vaillancourt

**PARALLEL PARKING:**

On Tessier St. north side, from a point 50 feet west of Brown Ave. to a point 220 feet west

Alderman Vaillancourt

**RESCIND HANDICAP PARKING – FREE 3 HOURS:**

On Elm St. east side, from Orange St. to Myrtle St.

Alderman Wihby/Levasseur

**RESCIND HANDICAP PARKING – SUNDAYS ONLY:**

On Lowell St. north side, from a point 150 feet east of Chestnut St. to Pine St.

Alderman Levasseur

**ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACE (7-DAYS):**

On Lowell St. north side, from a point 55 feet west of Pine St. to a point 105 feet westerly  
Alderman Levasseur

**NO TRUCKS:**

On Union St. from Willow St. to Hayward St.  
Alderman Shea

**NO PARKING ANYTIME:**

On S. Bedford St. west side, from Depot St. to S. Commercial St.  
Alderman Levasseur

On S. Bedford St. east side, from S. Commercial St. to a point 300 feet north  
Alderman Levasseur

On S. Commercial St. (southbound) – east side, from Granite St. to S. Bedford St.  
Alderman Levasseur

On S. Commercial St. (southbound) – west side, from Granite St. to a point 170 feet south  
Alderman Levasseur

**10 HOUR PARKING METERS – 8AM-10PM MONDAY-SATURDAY:**

On S. Bedford St. east side, from a point 300 feet north of S. Commercial St. to Depot St. (28 spaces)  
Alderman Levasseur

**RESIDENT PARKING ONLY:**

Green St. ( to be included as part of the resident parking only for civic center)  
Alderman Levasseur

Mr. Lolicata stated I am against the four-way stop sign on Kearney Circle.

Chairman Clancy replied I happened to call your office this afternoon about that. The only time we put a four-way stop sign in is if it is in a school zone. I suggest



that if anybody else calls up for a four-way stop sign that isn't in a school zone, don't put it on the agenda.

Mr. Lolicata stated I know that but most Aldermen ask that everything they request be put on the agenda.

Chairman Clancy stated I thought we had a procedure here that there would be no four-way stop signs anywhere other than in a school zone.

Mr. Lolicata replied there is a procedure and I agree with you. I would like to have this rescinded.

Mr. Hoben stated there was an omission. Under the Rescind No Parking Anytime, it should be not a rescind but no parking anytime.

On motion of Alderman Sysyn, duly seconded by Alderman Vaillancourt, it was voted to approve the traffic agenda with changes as presented.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 7 of the agenda:

Communication from Deputy City Clerk requesting rescission of previous action relating to Info Systems parking and approval of Traffic Director's permitting of spaces in the Pine Street lot.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to approve the rescission.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 8 of the agenda:

Parking Violation Rates as submitted by Lt. Richard Tracy.

Lt. Tracy stated I have one recommended change on Page 2. I will hand out these new copies and explain the change. After further discussion with Paul Beaudoin and Chief Driscoll recently, the change is on the part that deals with no parking zones. We recommend an increase in expired meters, which is on Page 1 after we surveyed several other cities in southern NH and Maine and Massachusetts from \$5 to \$10 and the overtime parking we recommend an increase from \$10 to \$15 and it was felt that if we didn't increase the no parking zones to at least \$20 that we would run into problems down the road. The reason being that the no parking zone is generally a hazard whereas overtime is more of a nuisance. It is somebody who is just ignoring the time limit there. It is not generally regarded as a hazardous condition. It is just somebody who chooses to ignore the 15-minute or one hour or two-hour time limit that they are supposed to be there. We felt that

whereas a no parking zone generally creates some type of a hazard and blocks the view of people trying to exit out on the street properly or blocks a fire hydrant, etc. that if in fact you feel that we should increase the expired meters and the overtime parking, that we should increase the no parking zones also. I just wanted to add that.

Chairman Clancy stated it says here \$25 snow emergency fire land tow zone. Now say we have a snow emergency. How can you possibly go out and tag all of the people who park on the street?

Lt. Tracy replied I don't believe we actually end up getting everybody.

Chairman Clancy stated that is the problem I had last winter. I had people telling me that they got towed away. In fact, one couple just moved here from out of town and they didn't know anything about snow emergencies and it cost them \$170 to get their two cars from the impound lot. I felt bad for them. I found out that down on the next street cars were parked there all night long and not towed. How do I justify that?

Lt. Tracy asked how do you justify the fact that we don't issue everybody a ticket. Our goal is if the man hours exist and the calls for service are low that night then we will try to put a ticket on every vehicle or tow as many vehicles as possible. The vehicles we tow...we hit the streets that are recommended by Highway.

Chairman Clancy asked so you do this in conjunction with the Highway Department.

Lt. Tracy answered yes. We send out the officers on the route and an additional officer and all that officer is asked to do is go out and issue snow emergency tickets to the areas that we believe we will not get to that evening for towing.

Chairman Clancy stated but I think we should do a little more advertising.

Lt. Tracy replied we send it out to the media for each and every storm. The Highway does it and we fax it out as well. I have seen it and heard it on WZID and WGIR and Channel 9. It certainly would be nice if they could add it to the bottom of the screen.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked what is the purpose of this doubling of the penalty from \$5 to \$10. Is it to raise revenue?

Lt. Tracy answered no. The purpose is...one of the explanations is that \$5 for an expired meter...one of the things that our parking control officers have found

specifically in the downtown area is it is not uncommon for somebody to just pull up in front of their business or place of employment, park their vehicle, take their chances in getting that \$5 ticket and not feed the meter and then possibly if the meter maid has the opportunity to come back a second time get that overtime ticket. Now you are looking at a total of \$15 in fines and they will accept that. They will pay that \$15 to park out in front of their business or near their place of employment and we want to discourage that. If you feel that \$10 is too high, that is fine. You can make it whatever you want or you can keep it at \$5.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated I am not sure how I feel and that is why I am asking questions. You refer to a survey that shows rates in other cities and towns that are from \$3 to \$10. It looks like the only place that it is \$10 is Portland, Maine.

Lt. Tracy replied yes at this time the only other place that is \$10 is Portland, Maine. Worcester, MA, however, will go back each and every hour if that vehicle continues to stay there for let's say eight hours then that vehicle could potentially get a \$5 ticket every hour. Lowell, MA advised us that they are also looking at increasing their rate to \$10 as is Portsmouth, NH. Concord, NH advised us that they are looking into a recommended rate increase but they don't know what the amount is yet.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked what about if you don't pay the fine within seven days...would those rates also go up or would they stay the same.

Lt. Tracy replied the recommended ordinance is tripling whatever the original fine is. Currently an expired meter is \$5. If you don't pay it within seven days it goes up to \$15. At this point if, in fact, it is approved that it goes up to \$10 it would probably become a \$30 fine if you don't pay it within seven days. However, that is up to the Committee. If you want to just double it, that is fine.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated I think I would feel more comfortable if we raise this not tripling the non-payment within seven days. I don't know how other people feel. I think that is kind of exorbitant.

Chairman Clancy asked what do you want to do.

Alderman Vaillancourt answered I don't object to raising the fines from \$5 to \$10 but if you triple it from \$10 you are going to \$30 with non-payment in seven days.

Chairman Clancy replied but they have seven days to pay that.

Alderman Vaillancourt responded I know that but time flies and I think it is kind of unfair for a 300% increase if you miss it by a day.

Chairman Clancy stated but we have to draw a line somewhere. These tickets are all printed and stuff like that.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated in reviewing what is being proposed here, I would just advise of a few things to the Committee. First is that the Committee would actually have to approve in the first instance what it wants as the beginning seven days and that whole process just as you always have. You are proposing here more than a 20% increase, therefore, the recommendation that comes out of this Committee would have to include a referral to the Committee on Accounts and the Committee on Accounts needs to review that to determine whether or not they want to hold a public hearing pursuant to policy of the Board that has been established and the changes to this actually would require the Clerk's Office to prepare a physical ordinance that goes to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading. I just want you aware that first of all we need to have very clear action from the Committee as to exactly what you are adopting and that is not what you have in front of you right now.

Chairman Clancy stated my suggestion is that we table this until we get more information.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied we could work with the Police Department and try to prepare something for the next meeting.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Vaillancourt, it was voted to table this item.

Lt. Tracy asked is there something you want me to do.

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered you need to get a hold of the Clerk's Office and we will help you prepare something. There is one other thing. I know there are some impending questions in terms of trying to get this done quickly and also I don't know if any of these revenue projections need to be included with the budget process in anticipation of revenues as well so I guess to that degree we can try and work with Alderman Wihby in having them project at least...if the Committee agrees in concept that it is going to want to increase it to something then they could put together some sort of revenue proposal.

Alderman Hirschmann asked were these revenues part of the budget.

Lt. Tracy answered no.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked if we were to go ahead with this, how much extra revenue are we talking about.

Lt. Tracy answered just on regular enforcement as it has been in the past few years, if you were to adopt these increases we would be looking at an increase of \$268,000 over the course of the year.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked do you have any idea how many people pay within seven days and how many people forfeit that and come up with three times the amount. Is that calculated in here too?

Lt. Tracy answered no but possibly Barbara Dzuira in Ordinance Violations could help us with that.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated well I in concept don't have a problem with the rate going up but I do have a problem with raising it to \$10 and then tripling it due to failure to pay in seven days.

Alderman Pariseau asked this is state money right. Does this come back to the City general fund?

Lt. Tracy answered the parking fines does go to the City.

Alderman Pariseau asked how about the ordinance bureau. Doesn't that money go to the state?

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered some does. It depends.

Mr. Beaudoin stated some of the money that goes to court doesn't get to ordinance violations later. Some of it will come back to us like if somebody contests a parking ticket and they lose the judge will send the money down to us.

Alderman Wihby asked on the \$268,000 is that basically raising the fine from \$5 to \$10 and \$10 to \$15 and \$15 to \$20.

Lt. Tracy answered yes.

Alderman Wihby asked is that addressing anything...I don't think the concern is the increase but the concern is tripling it. Is that included in that total?

Lt. Tracy answered no. That is just the rate increase.

Alderman Wihby stated so if this Committee wanted to okay...if the rate increase isn't the argument and it is just the 7 and 14 days, you could pass the rate increase and then work on the other part.

Chairman Clancy replied I think that 300% is a big increase. We are trying to lure people downtown.

Alderman Wihby stated but if you agree with the \$5 to \$10 then you could pass that and then talk about the other part.

Alderman Hirschmann stated you have to have a public hearing for this. You can't just pass this.

Alderman Wihby replied you can pass this out of this Committee to the Committee on Accounts.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated my suggestion is that the whole package be properly put together and passed on but in terms of the concept of increasing the rates and projecting some increases revenues, that can be brought forward as a recommendation to the Board and that would allow it to be included as part of your budget. That would be a reasonable action of this Committee to recommend that the revenues...some projected revenues be included in the current budget and to approve the concept of increasing these parking fine rates. If I get a motion to that effect, we can bring that to the Board this evening.

Alderman Vaillancourt moved to recommend to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen that projected revenue of \$250,000 from increased parking fines be included in the current budget. Alderman Sysyn duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Alderman Hirschmann being duly recorded in opposition.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 9 of the agenda:

Communication from Citizens Bank seeking authorization to close Hanover

Street between Elm and Chestnut Streets from 9 AM until 5 PM on Sunday, October 21, 2001 in conjunction with the Citizens Bank Run for Shelter.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to approve the request.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 10 of the agenda:

Communication from Christine Hardy on behalf of Easter Seals seeking authorization for the use of Arms Park, and the closure of streets (as enclosed herein) for the third annual walk for Easter Seals to be held on Sunday, September 30, 2001.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to approve the request.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 11 of the agenda:

Communication from Chris Gunthro on behalf of Elliot Hospital seeking authorization to close Elliot Way, Tarrytown Road, Valley Street, Jewett Street, Weston Road, and Porter Street from 8:55 AM until approximately 10:30 AM for the Heart-to-Heart Race being held on Saturday, October 27, 2001.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to approve this request.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 13 of the agenda:

Communication from Frank C. Comerford on behalf of the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral seeking authorization to close Kenney Street at Hanover Street and to close Hilton Street at Amherst Street from 10 AM until 11 PM on September 14, 15 and 16, 2001 for the annual Glendi celebration.

On motion of Alderman Sysyn, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to approve this request.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 13 of the agenda:

Communication from Paula Galvin on behalf of the University of New Hampshire at Manchester seeking authorization to install guide signs on Manchester City streets as follows: Granite Street Bridge (eastbound) prior to the left-turn split at Commercial Street; Granite Street (westbound) prior to the intersection of Commercial Street; Elm Street (southbound) prior to the intersection of Spring Street; Amoskeag Bridge (eastbound) prior to the Canal Street off ramp; Canal Street (southbound) prior to the intersection of N. Commercial Street; and Bridge Street (westbound) prior to the intersection of the left-turn lane split at Elm Street.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to approve this request.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 14 of the agenda:

Petition from residents of Crestview Circle/Kearney Circle regarding a request for a four-way stop sign.

Alderman Wihby stated I was going to ask that the Board look at it and grant it.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to receive and file this item.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated I understand on this sheet that was handed out by the Police Department that there were a couple of other proposals that we should probably act on tonight if we are going to be able to recognize that extra \$250,000 and \$84,000.

Alderman Hirschmann replied you are not going to be able to. You have to have a public hearing.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated well that is what we just did with the \$250,000 in theory.

Alderman Hirschmann stated it is not going to count.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated I thought those were included as part of the \$250,000.

Alderman Vaillancourt replied no. There are three of them. That was the top one.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated that is for all three items. I understood that it was \$250,000 for now until it gets referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Alderman Vaillancourt replied right but there are two others. Maybe we should bring this up now.

Mr. Beaudoin stated that is what we hope to discuss. In anticipation of the civic center coming on line we are going to have to address the issues of parking in and around the civic center and downtown.

Deputy Clerk Johnson asked has the Civic Center Committee met on this yet.



Mr. Beaudoin answered no.

Alderman Wihby stated it is okay if Traffic does it.

Mr. Beaudoin stated it is going to require extending the hours for enforcement of parking downtown to 10 PM and also extend it to Saturdays all day from 8 AM until 10 PM. Those are issues that have to be addressed by the Committee because I believe it requires an ordinance change. Before we can get to revenue or the enforcement of it, it has to be brought up by the Committee that the City is going to extend the hours.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied I think that was already done. I think it was included in the previous report. I believe that what you are addressing has already been approved. Are you talking about the garages being open until 1 AM and on street parking until 10 PM?

Mr. Beaudoin stated yes.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied you already did it.

Mr. Beaudoin asked what about time zones.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated two hour zones are 24 hours a day unless it is posted otherwise. If it is, then we will need to go in and change that. There are other items that they are going to look at regarding the civic center that will be coming back through the process in the next few weeks. My suggestion is that that be looked at to make sure that it is covered in the process. The police will have to enforce that obviously but the revenue projections could already be included automatically if this report passes the Board tonight.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated so with both of them we have an extra \$500,000.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated there are two letters that have been distributed to the Committee. One is from Alderman Lopez and the other is from the Riverwalk Park Foundation.

Chairman Clancy asked Deputy Clerk Johnson to read the one from Alderman Lopez.

Deputy Clerk Johnson read the letter as follows:

As we move through parking fees and ordinances dealing with the Civic Center, I believe that there is an area that needs to be addressed immediately which is the Rubenstein Parking Lot that will be utilized this weekend.

After discussion with Frank Thomas and Jim Hoben of the Traffic Department, that most likely even though the striping would not be completed, the parking lot could be utilized this weekend the 9<sup>th</sup> for the concert at Singer Park. I believe that Frank and Jim could address that at this time.

It is therefore recommended that an amendment be made establishing a \$5.00 fee at the Rubenstein Parking Lot for all Singer Park events. Potential revenue projected is \$2,000 per event.

If the committee agrees and approves this recommendation request that it will go before the full Board this evening. Thank you for addressing this important issue at this time.

Thank you,

s/Mike Lopez

Mr. Hoben stated Alderman Lopez asked us to look at this and I spoke with Kevin Provencher today. They are going to be charging \$8 in the South Commercial Lot.

Chairman Clancy asked they are going to charge \$8 per car. What are we going to charge?

Mr. Hoben answered that is the thing. He was going to call Tom Clark about reciprocal use and I think Tom Clark has a letter from him stating his objection if he is here.

Mr. Bud Comstock from Cirrus Entertainment Group stated I am President of the company that is putting the shows on at Singer Park. I think it is absolutely critical that we control that parking lot. Not only is that an access for the performers to get in but essentially it is our customers so we plan on having our own security people in there and I think we can come to some agreement with the City at some point to share revenues down there but that is the way we see it at this point. To have this discussion tonight, I think, is premature.

Chairman Clancy asked have you had any contact with Jay Taylor about this.

Mr. Comstock answered not about this specific issue, no.

Chairman Clancy stated tell me who you have talked to about this. Anybody at all?

Mr. Comstock replied briefly with Bill Jabjiniak last week. We have a meeting tomorrow at 3 PM that is going to include several departments and if any of you want to come in it is going to be right here to discuss how it is going to work down there and how the traffic is going to flow.

Chairman Clancy asked doesn't the City own this lot.

Mr. Comstock answered that is correct.

Chairman Clancy asked then why do you say that you want to control it.

Mr. Comstock answered because we have to have security people down there anyway. We need egress for the performers coming to the show. They are coming through that parking lot around to the back of the park and we are going to have people there collecting money and so forth.

Chairman Clancy stated my contention is when you are leasing this park for a show...that is what you are doing right, leasing it more or less then they must state in the contract what you are leasing. Was this lot included?

Mr. Comstock replied not in the agreement, no.

Chairman Clancy asked well why would you come in and say now that you want this lot.

Mr. Comstock answered well I was told at 2 PM this afternoon that this meeting was going to happen.

Chairman Clancy asked who told you that.

Mr. Comstock answered Kevin Provencher and he was unable to make it unfortunately because he would be the most appropriate person to be here on behalf of the Park.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I have dealt with Mr. Comstock and I think he is doing a good thing bringing entertainment down there. You are negotiating with the City and like he said they are having a meeting tomorrow so I think this Committee is premature taking up the same issue as the committee that is meeting tomorrow. Let's have them negotiate and bring us the negotiated facts.

Chairman Clancy asked when do the concerts start. This weekend right?

Mr. Comstock answered Saturday is the first show. Obviously the parking lot...if anybody has been down there is in total disarray.

Chairman Clancy asked is it paved.

Mr. Comstock answered partially.

Chairman Clancy asked, Kevin, are you going to get that done.

Mr. Sheppard answered our plan...we have guys working overtime tonight and we plan on working overtime this week to get that done as soon as possible. We plan on paving Thursday and Friday.

Chairman Clancy asked are you going to stripe it.

Mr. Sheppard answered I am not too sure that it will be striped by then.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated this is the kind of thing that just can't come before us tonight. I agree with Alderman Hirschmann. The Alderman who brought this forward chairs a committee in which we have an explicit rule that we won't bring anything forward at the last minute like this. I think we should table this until they work it out and bring it to us at the next meeting.

Alderman Lopez stated I walked down there and had some discussions with Frank Thomas and they will have the parking lot ready. To set the record straight, I did call the Chairman and asked if I could bring it before his Committee and he agreed. The second part is when I find out that the promoter was just taking over, this generated a lot of telephone calls all day long to Aldermen. There has to be some type of compromise this weekend and I think as a second letter if the Clerk could pass out the letter from the President of the Riverfront Foundation I really think that in my opinion we should be dealing with the Riverfront Foundation in these negotiations. I agree with Alderman Hirschmann. They are bringing a lot of business in.

Chairman Clancy stated let's try to work this out and do things amicably.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated I did share a copy of the Riverfront Park Foundation letter with the Finance Officer and with Jay Taylor and I know that they are not here at this time but they did have some concerns with that. I know there is a meeting tomorrow and I would like to note for the record that the Traffic Committee has authority over that parking lot and nobody can use it without the permission of the Traffic Committee. I guess my suggestion would be to allow the staff to work out the situation tomorrow at least for this weekend and then perhaps the Clerk's Office can poll the committee members for approval of the staff recommendation.

Chairman Clancy asked Mr. Comstock to get in touch with Frank Thomas and they will let you know how much of the parking lot can be used over the weekend. As far as the money, you can work that out tomorrow.

Alderman Hirschmann moved to allow Cirrus Entertainment to negotiate with the City for some kind of revenue share. Alderman Pariseau duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Mr. Comstock stated one thing that hasn't come up is that we are going to be providing professional security in that area and I don't think that is a cost that the City wants to absorb or the cost to have people down there directing traffic and all of those things. We are going to absorb all of those costs.

There being no further business, on a motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee